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2 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Appraisal of Mid-Eastern Situation by CINC, Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe, to Chief of Staff, USAF

REFERENCES : a. Letter, dated 11 August 1958, from Lt. General Richard C. Lindsay, CINC, Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe, to Chief of Staff, USAF (attached).
b. Letter, dated 26 August 1958, from Major General Harold E. Watson, AC/S, Intelligence, USAF, to the Director of Central Intelligence, forwarding ref a., and requesting comment thereon (attached).
c. Memorandum for the Acting Director of Central Intelligence from the Chief, Near East and Africa Division, dated 2 September 1958, subject: "Agency Comments on letter from CINC, Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe to the Chief of Staff, USAF (attached)

1. The Near East and Africa Division has been requested to prepare a reply to ref b., for the signature of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence Agency and to coordinate this reply with the Deputy Director, Intelligence.

2. Our draft of the suggested reply is attached as Annex "A" to ref c. It is requested that you review this draft. Any changes of substance that you may care to make should be discussed with

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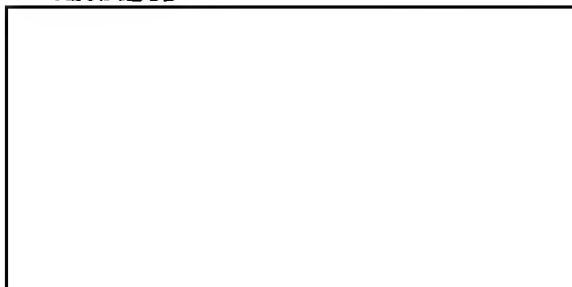
3. It will be noted that the last paragraph of our draft has been left unfinished. It is suggested that you may wish to complete this paragraph with comments on General Lindsay's recommendations on the "... 'cold war' watch committee." It will not be necessary for this Division to review these comments.



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1. Action is recommended in para 5, below.

2. Ref a., comprises an intelligence summary on certain aspects of the Middle East situation, specific policy suggestions for dealing with some aspects of the situation and a recommendation that there be improved coordination among United States government agencies concerned with Middle East problems through some such instrumentality as a "cold war watch committee."

3. Ref b., states agreement with the intelligence summary and concurrence with the appreciation of the situation conveyed in ref a., and requests "... personal comments and guidance ... in connection with preparation of a reply ..." to ref a., for the signature of the Chief of Staff, USAF.

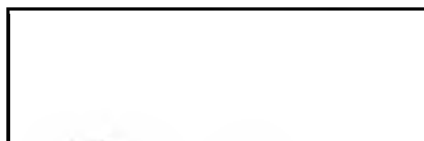
4. The Near East and Africa Division feels that it would be appropriate for the Agency to comment on General Lindsay's appreciation of the situation and his intelligence summary, but possibly inappropriate for us to comment either on his specific



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policy recommendations or on his recommendation for the formation of a new element in the government to devise and implement a "master plan" to deal with the Middle East.

5. We have prepared for your consideration a draft reply to General Watson (Annex "A") and forward it through the Deputy Director, Intelligence, for his concurrence and comment. It is recommended that you forward this reply.



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